



PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 58763.000026

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application Of:       | ) | Confirmation No. 5724    |
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| Daniel DUPRET <i>et al.</i> | ) | Group Art Unit: 1636     |
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| Application No.: 10/713,006 | ) | Examiner: AKHAVAN, Ramin |
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| Filed: November 17, 2003    | ) |                          |

For: METHOD OF PREPARING POLYNUCLEOTIDE FRAGMENTS FOR USE IN  
SHUFFLING, AND SHUFFLING OF SAME

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 3, 2005. Accordingly, it is requested that the deadline for responding be extended up to and including March 3, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Response to Office Action of November 3, 2005 submitted herewith.

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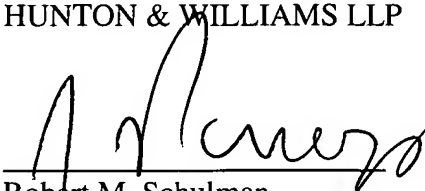
Submitted herewith is a check for \$60.00 to cover the Small Entity fee for the Extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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